

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



October 1997 Path Length (Miles) Time Local/ Number of Persons Path Width Estimated Damage Character of Storm MICHIGAN, East MIZ047>049-053>054-Midland - Bay - Huron - Saginaw - Tuscola - Shiawassee - Genesee - Lapeer - Livingston 060>062-068 2200EST 0600EST 0 26 27 **Heavy Snow** Low pressure tracked northeast across Ohio late on the 26th through early morning on the 27th. Rain changed to snow over the Saginaw Valley and Flint area during the evening on the 26th, and snow continued until around daybreak on the 27th. Accumulations were mostly from 3 to 6 inches, with a maximum of 6 inches reported at Saint Charles, in Saginaw county. The combination of the heavy wet snow, and the fact that many trees had not yet lost their leaves, resulted in widespread tree damage and downed powerlines. Around 40000 homes lost power on the 27th. Measurable snow fell as far south as the northern suburbs of Detroit. Washtenaw County Ann Arbor 27 0700EST Lightning Lightning struck at transformer pole in Ann Arbor, knocking out power to about 500 Detroit Edison customers Washtenaw County Ypsilanti 27 0704EST 0

Lightning struck a house, blowing a hole in a wall and doing about 2000 dollars worth of damage

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